

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending October 6, 2002**. Very little crop progress was seen last week due to the second straight week of rain across most of the state. Soil moisture was rated 40 percent adequate, and 60 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	97	95	97	98	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Open Bolls	96	95	100	98	1	6	26	48	19
	Harvested	28	20	41	52					
Rice	Mature	100	99	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	80	73	86	87					
Sorghum	Harvested	99	98	98	98	--	--	--	--	--
	Silage Harvested	91	91	100	98					
Soybeans	Turning Color	96	94	100	97	--	--	--	--	--
	Shedding Leaves	90	84	93	90					
	Harvested	50	50	62	62					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	45	42	74	55	4	9	30	54	3
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	98	98	97	98	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	12	12	18	16	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	3	19	65	12
Pasture						0	5	26	59	10

County Agent Comments

“Rains continue to hamper the harvest of rice, cotton and soybeans. We only got 1 ½ inches of rain out of Lili, so we may be back in the fields by the middle of this week.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“It's been too wet for any field work except for aerial application of cotton harvest aid chemicals.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Rains from Lili weren't as bad as we thought they were going to be and the row crop farmers are thankful. We got to pick cotton for about two days between Isidore and Lili. Our yields before Isidore were exceptional and our quality was real good too. Almost all of our corn is harvested and the majority of our soybeans are harvested.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Approximately 2-3 inches of additional rain fell as a result of Lili. No immediate damage has been reported. Some small acreages were reported as partially flooded as a result of Isidore. The main result is a slowdown in harvest and crop maturity. Pastures have come alive again and are growing rapidly. Cotton harvest is just beginning. Soybean harvest has been slowed significantly also.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“The hurricanes have supplied extra moisture, but we have had no wind damage from the storms. I was concerned that the winds would damage some cotton, but we don't seem to have suffered that much. Several more fields need to be cut for hay, but the weather won't cooperate. Not much ryegrass has been planted yet due to the storms.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

“Rain from Isidore and Lili brought all field operations to a stop. Some winter grazing was planted between the two storms on unbroken sod. The rain has been welcome except on cotton. There were a few reports of downed trees and some low land flooding, but nothing major as a result of the hurricanes. Most of the rain from Isidore went into the ground. Streams and ponds received very little run off. Lili brought pond levels up a bit, but they are still well below normal levels.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

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Weather Summary from September 30, 2002 to October 6, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	90	61	77	69	+8	1.70	+1.08	1	9.37	80			0.38
Cleveland	91	61	77	68	+9	2.28	+1.78	1	7.50				
Tunica				68		2.00	+1.37	1	11.57	80	65	73	0.14
Extreme/Average	91	61	77	68	+9	1.99	+1.31	1	9.48	80	65	73	0.23
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				65		2.01	+1.22	2	9.71				0.30
Memphis	89	59	76	69	+7	1.75	+1.07	4	14.09				
Oxford	93	58	76	66	+10	2.08	+1.27	3	9.52				
Extreme/Average	93	58	76	67	+9	1.95	+1.23	3	11.11				0.30
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	60	76	65	+11	2.29	+1.55	2	14.61				
Corinth				68		1.80	+1.03	2	13.03				
Iuka	89	53	72	63	+9	2.08	+1.28	4	11.21				
Pontotoc				68		1.70	+0.88	2	12.84				
Tupelo	89	60	77	67	+10	2.24	+1.50	3	12.93				
Verona				67		2.62	+1.87	2	12.28				
Extreme/Average	89	53	75	67	+8	2.10	+1.31	3	12.95				
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				70									
Rolling Fork				69		1.80E	+1.01	1	8.13E				0.16
Stoneville	92	63	77	69	+8	2.34	+1.63	2	10.07	89	70	79	0.20
Yazoo City	91	67	79	70	+9	1.74	+0.95	1	9.82				
Extreme/Average	92	63	78	69	+9	1.96	+1.20	1	9.34	89	70	79	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	90	59	77	68	+9	2.22	+1.52	1	14.10				
Greenwood	90	63	78	70	+8	1.19	+0.42	2	8.76				
Jackson	89	65	78	69	+9	0.96	+0.26	2	10.21				
Winona	88	56	74	65	+9	2.95	+2.21	2	12.68				
Extreme/Average	90	56	77	68	+9	1.83	+1.06	2	11.44				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	89	63	78			2.91	+2.20	1	8.53	78	69	75	
Columbus	90	62	79	69	+10	2.25	+1.55	2	9.60				
State University	89	61	77	68	+9	2.52	+1.78	2	11.78	81	72	77	0.19
Extreme/Average	90	61	78	68	+10	2.56	+1.77	2	9.97	81	69	76	0.19
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	61	76	71	+5	1.37	+0.53	2	13.36	80	73	76	
Natchez	89	63	77	71	+6	1.66	+0.82	2	6.03				
Oakley	91	61	78	69	+9	1.26	+0.59	2	9.22				
Vicksburg	90	62	78			2.61		1	10.32				
Extreme/Average	91	61	78	70	+8	1.73	+0.95	2	9.73	80	73	76	
8. South-Central													
Columbia				71		1.80	+1.00	2	9.52				
McComb	90	65	79	71	+8	4.43	+3.61	4	15.25				
Extreme/Average	90	65	79	70	+9	3.12	+2.36	3	12.39				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	93	70	81			1.67		1	9.48				
Hattiesburg	95	65	79	71	+8	1.68	+0.88	3	14.93				
Laurel	90	62	78	70	+8	2.36	+1.58	2	10.13				
Meridian	91	64	80	70	+10	1.83	+1.10	2	12.47				
Newton	90	58	77	68	+9	2.71	+1.97	2	12.35	82	68	76	0.19
Extreme/Average	95	58	79	70	+9	2.05	+1.32	2	11.87	82	68	76	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	92	64	79	73	+6	3.58	+2.73	1	10.99				
BiloxiAFB	88	70	80			0.54		1	9.36				
Gulfport	89	69	81	74	+7	1.79	+0.90	3	9.67				
Pascagoula	89	68	81			0.88		2	5.79				
Poplarville	91	66	78	72	+6	0.23	-0.57	2	15.56	84	71	77	
Extreme/Average	92	64	80	73	+7	1.40	+0.54	2	10.27	84	71	77	
State	95	53	78	69	+9	2.07	+1.31	2	10.88	89	65	76	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.